



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
GO CALIFORNIA INDUSTRY CAPACITY EXPANSION  
CLOSE-OUT REPORT**



***B1 “Make Caltrans the Customer of Choice”***

Promote effective working relationships and trust between Caltrans and Industry to make it easy to do business with Caltrans and to promote two-way responsiveness between Caltrans and Industry – for Caltrans to be the customer of choice and for Industry to treat Caltrans as such. Promote a philosophical change within Caltrans and Industry to support partnering and problem solving approaches. Empower field staff to implement solutions.

Lead: Project Delivery

Project Manager: John McMillan (Tasks B1-E-1 and B1-E-2)

Note, due to changes in the Workplan spreadsheet, this task was renumbered and is currently shown as B1-c-1.

***General Plan***

Provide contractors more time for estimating and bidding.

***B1-E-1***

***Task Description / Problem Statement***

Survey Industry and produce report on bid time requirements in light of Go-California goals.

Task Manager: Kris Kuhl

***Background / General Discussion***

DES-Office Engineer (DES-OE) conducted an internet-based survey for construction industry contractors’ input on our current advertising periods. Fifty-five (55) responses were provided. Seventy-seven (77) percent of the responses indicated that current advertising schedules were sufficient to prepare competitive bids. However, contractors indicated that project complexity was the most important factor in determining how much time was needed to prepare bids.

DES-OE also conducted a telephone survey of other state DOTs. Of the 45 states responding, most used a simple advertising schedule: 4 weeks for most projects, 6-8 weeks for large or complex projects.

Based on contractor input and the survey of other DOTs, DES-OE will propose (as part of Task B1-E-2) changes to the current advertising durations through a decision document. The attached report summarizes the results of both surveys and presents the recommended advertising durations.

***Action***

DES-OE has drafted a decision document and circulated it for PDAC review. Task B1-E-2 will involve implementation of the recommended advertising schedule changes upon approval of the decision document.

***Completion Date***

June 23, 2006